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SUBJECT: STATUS OF INDONESIAN OPERATIONS IN TIMOR: CONGRESSIONAL
INQUIRY

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WE SUGGEST FOLLOWING IN REPLY TO SENATOR HUMPHREY:

1. GOI HAS INTEGRATED TIMOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS. NEVERTHELESS, WE HAVE CONTINUED TO FOLLOW SITUATION AND TO REMIND GOI OF PROVISIONS OF THE FAA.

2. OVERT INFORMATION ON TIMOR SITUATION ALMOST NONEXISTENT WITH ONLY INFREQUENT PRESS OR OTHER REFERENCE TO CONTINUED SMALL-SCALE GUERILLA ACTIVITY BY FRETELIN WHICH GOI CLAIMS IT IS GRADUALLY BRINGING UNDER CONTROL. MOST PUBLIC STATEMENTS DEAL WITH RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS BY GOI.

3. INDICATION ARE THAT MILITARY SITUATION IN TIMOR UNDER CONTROL AND THAT GOI VERY GRADUALLY WITHDRAWING SOME OF ITS TROOPS. HOWEVER, FRETELIN DOES CONTINUE SMALL-SCALE (USUALLY IN 10-20 MAN GROUPS) HARRASSING ACTIVITIES IN VARIOUS PARTS EAST TIMOR. THERE APPARENTLY IS SOME INCREASE OF CONTROL BY GOI FORCES OVER AREAS IN WHICH FRETELIN OPERATING.

4. MAJOR UNITS FULLY EQUIPPED BY MAP HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM TIMOR. WE HAVE EVIDENCE GOI HAS, SINCE OUR DEMARCHE,

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MADE MAXIMUM EFFORT TO USE NON-US EQUIPMENT FOR REMAINING

COMBAT REQUIREMENTS, ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT ABLE TOTALLY TO EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY SOME INDIVIDUAL COMBAT ITEMS REMAINING. SOME US SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT IS UNDOUBTEDLY STILL BEING USED FOR TRANSPORT AND SURVEILLANCE PURPOSES, BUT SINCE INTEGRATION OF TIMOR, GOI CONSIDERS THIS INTERNAL USE. PRIMARY ITEM IN THIS CATEGORY WOULD BE C-130'S WHICH WERE PURCHASED FOR CASH THROUGH FMS.

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